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AMENDMENT B

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**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowance of claim 27 and allowability of claims 35-37 and 47-49.

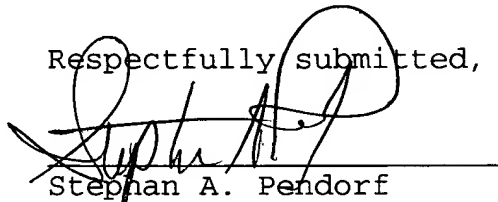
In the present Amendment claims 35 and 47 are presented in independent form.

Accordingly, claims 27, 35-37 and 47-49 are in condition for allowance.

Claims not yet indicated to be allowed have been canceled, without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation application.

Accordingly, early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE**

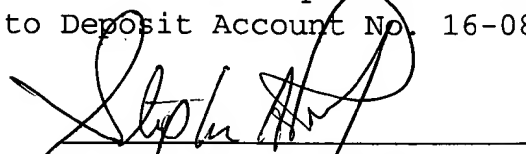
I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT B for U.S. Application No. 09/831,798 filed May 14, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **December 1, 2005**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the

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prosecution of this application without specific authorization,  
or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.

  
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